

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 13, 2011

The Honorable Robert S. Mueller III, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
U.S. Department of Justice  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20535

Dear Director Mueller:

As you know, we are strongly supportive of the FBI relocating the Hudson Valley Resident Agency (HVRA) offices to the City of Newburgh. As such, we invite you to visit Newburgh to better understand the high incidence of drug and gang violence in one of our country's most dangerous small cities.

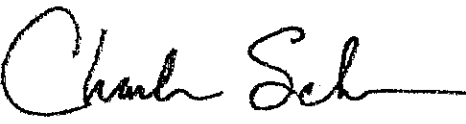
Relative to other municipalities across the country, Newburgh has seen disproportionately high rates of assaults and murders in the last several years, making the city among the most violent in the nation per capita. The violence in this small city of 29,000 residents is so pronounced that it has drawn the attention of Attorney General Holder.

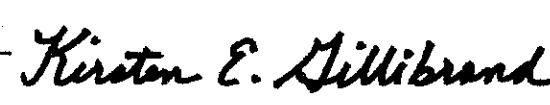
At a recent FBI Oversight Hearing before the Senate Judiciary Committee, you agreed to consider Newburgh as the Bureau makes its final decision on relocation. We believe that a first-hand assessment would enable you to make the most informed and appropriate decision. Visiting Newburgh will give you an opportunity to view the City's violence-prone areas, meet with local law enforcement officers, and speak with community leaders.

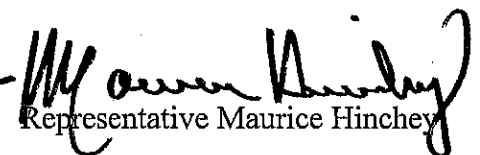
Exactly one year ago, the FBI demonstrated its commitment to Newburgh's exceedingly high crime rate in an anti-gang sting that landed 78 gang members in jail. Today, we urge you to begin to redouble those efforts by joining us to visit this troubled city. Together, we can help secure a safer future for the residents of Newburgh.

We look forward to your response and appreciate your personal attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

  
Senator Charles Schumer

  
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

  
Representative Maurice Hinchey